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Sackville River bursts at the seams and floods Bedford

Councillor representing areas hardest hit after heavy rain says lately flooding seems to happen 'more often' **PAGE 3**

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NEW GOTTINGEN STREET GYM WILL PROVIDE A SECOND HOME FOR AVID CLIMBERS — AND A LICENSED CAFÉ FOR THOSE WHO PREFER STAYING ON THE GROUND **PAGES 8**



MOOSE RALLY OVER REMPARTS

Halifax Mooseheads forward Kelly Bent, centre, skates past Québec Remparts' Ryan Graves, left, to put a shot on goalie Eric Brassard during QMJHL action at the Scotiabank Centre on Thursday night. The Mooseheads scored two goals late in the third period en route to a 4-3 shootout victory against the nationally ranked Remparts. Story, see page 34. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Big Lift' for Macdonald

Bridge work.

Construction, and delays, begin in March

Quoted

"If we wait until it has to be done, then you run the risk of having to close the bridge for an extended period of time."

Steve Snider, CEO of Halifax Harbour Bridges

A great big monkey wrench is about to be thrown into the plans of Halifax commuters when construction on the Macdonald Bridge begins in March.

Known as the "Big Lift," the 2-1/2-year project will end with the bridge's deck being completely replaced, but it can't be done without some delays and closures.

Beginning March 1, the bridge will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., Sunday to Thursday. Those closures are expected to last until the project is finished in September 2017.

"We've stressed with the contractor on several occasions how important these bridges are to the travelling public," said Steve Snider, general manager and CEO of Halifax Harbour Bridges.

During the day, the bridge is expected to operate normally, with all lanes open to traffic.

"There may be things we need to do during the day, but we would target that work for after nine and no later than three or 3:30 in the afternoon," Snider said.

The sidewalk and bike lanes will be removed beginning June 29 and are scheduled to remain closed until December 2016, though Snider said it's possible that one or both will remain open, depending on the work schedule. A shuttle service will be put in place for those who normally walk or bike across the bridge in the event that either is closed.

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Andre Noel Denny

Trial of man accused in fatal beating could begin in 2016

A judge says the trial of a man accused in a fatal beating outside a Halifax bar may begin in 2016.

Andre Noel Denny is charged with second-degree murder in the April 2012 death of 49-year-old Raymond Taavel.

The 35-year-old Membertou man was originally scheduled to stand trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in September, but proceedings were delayed when he fired his lawyer.

Court heard that lawyers David Mahoney and Robert Gegan will represent Denny.

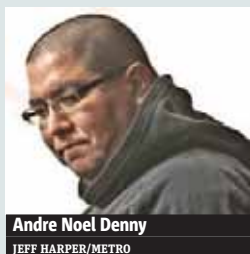
Judge Simon MacDonald said during the hearing that he expects Denny's trial won't begin until 2016 because it requires a two-week voir dire and four weeks of hearings.

MacDonald said the date will be set when lawyers return to court on Jan. 15.

Taavel, a well-known gay rights activist in Halifax, died outside Menz bar on Gottingen Street following an altercation.

Since Denny's arrest, his case has been delayed a number of times, leading to some frustration for Taavel's family and friends.

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Andre Noel Denny
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The high amount of water on the Sackville River rages on Thursday, from Wednesday's rain storm. BRAEDON CLARK/FOR METRO

Sackville River overflows again, flooding Bedford

Weather woes.

'Certainly this is bad and seems to be happening more often,' says Coun. Tim Outhit

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Along Union Street, some homes were sitting in several feet of water.

At Fish Hatchery Park, a bench became an island surrounded by the swollen Sackville River, which overflowed its banks throughout Bedford and caused extensive flooding.

"I haven't seen it like this since 2004 or 2005," said Coun. Tim Outhit, whose dis-

At a glance

- A lengthy road closure was lifted in front of Mount Saint Vincent University on the Bedford Highway Thursday morning due to heavy flooding that began on Wednesday from the heavy rain.
- Traffic was also diverted Thursday away from Blue Water Road in Hammonds Plains due to high water levels. The section of road wasn't expected to open until Friday at the earliest.

trict includes the areas hardest hit by flooding following heavy rain on Wednesday.

"Certainly this is bad and seems to be happening more often of late."

While some parts of Bedford regularly flood, what happened on Thursday was beyond the norm. The parking lot at the Bedford Place Mall was about half submerged, and the bridges

spanning the Sackville River were barely above the water line.

"The problem is that the Sackville River is very powerful and there's not much that can be done once it overflows like that," Outhit said.

He added that homeowners along Union Street are especially hard-hit, as their homes are built on a natural floodplain.

"Why homes were built there at all is beyond me," Outhit said. "It wouldn't be allowed now."

Outhit said he would take another look at an older report that suggested buying out the homeowners in that area, though not all of them would be willing to sell.

"More than anything, the people who live over there want solutions," he said.

James Campbell, spokesman for Halifax Water, said the service couldn't do much about the Sackville River, which regularly floods, but added that other trouble spots in the city had been contained by Thursday afternoon.

"The weather is pretty much ideal for getting in there and drying everything out," Campbell said.

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Cape Breton

Hearing in second-degree murder trial now in February

A preliminary hearing for a Cape Breton man charged with the second-degree murder of his mother is now scheduled for February.

Merlin Demers-Kennedy,

31, of Framboise is charged in the death of Michelle Demers-Kennedy.

The 58-year-old woman was last seen in May 2013 and her body has not been found. Police arrested her son in January.

A preliminary hearing is now set for Feb. 9-10. A judge presiding over the hearing will determine if there's enough evidence to send the case to trial.

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Murder. Chris Falconer still appealing conviction

Christopher Alexander Falconer's appeal of his first-degree murder conviction is still making its way through the legal system.

In February, 32-year-old Falconer filed his application to appeal the first-degree murder conviction in relation to the death of 19-year-old Amber Kirwan.

Since then, there have been at least two teleconference sessions but no court dates have been set. The next teleconference will take place on Feb. 11.

Falconer has represented himself so far in the appeal process and filed his application on the grounds that the jury didn't have reasonable evidence to convict him and that he should have had a

change of venue.

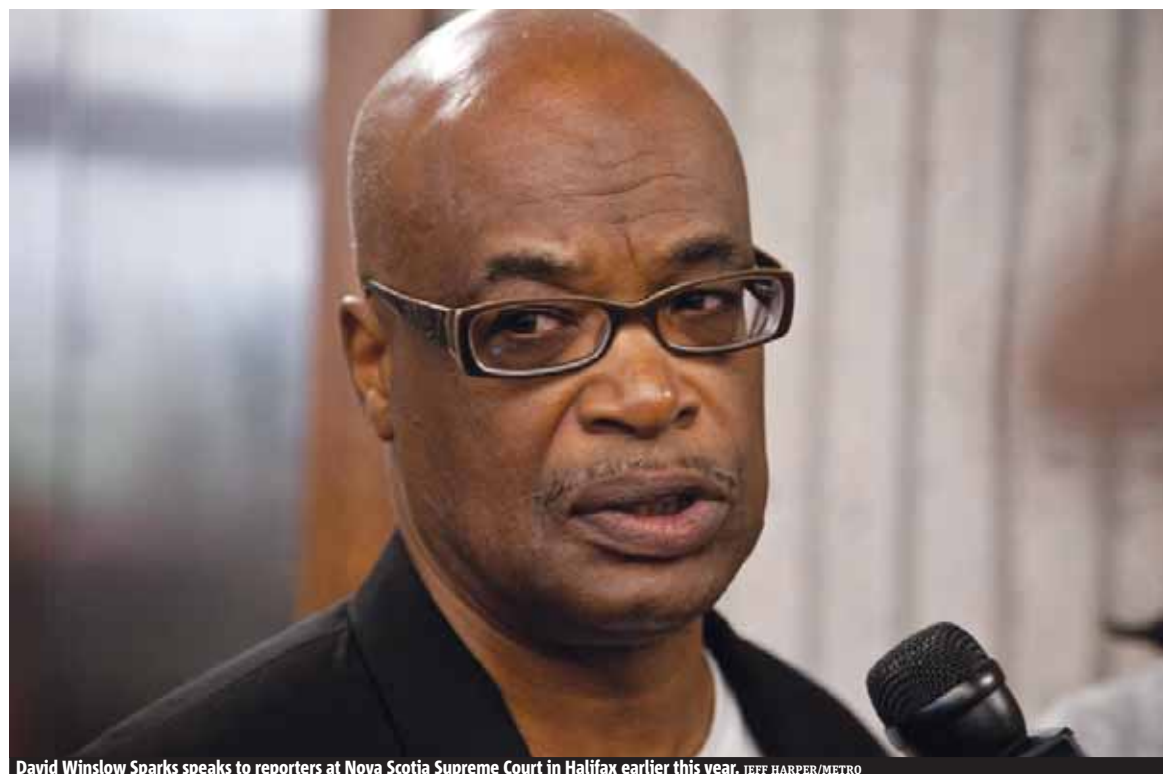
Falconer was convicted of first-degree murder on Jan. 28, in Pictou Supreme Court by a 12-member jury.

The trial ran three weeks and included a large amount of forensic evidence as well as testimony from family and friends of both Kirwan and Falconer. Falconer was given an automatic sentence of life in prison with no parole eligibility for 25 years.

The jury was told that Kirwan went missing Oct. 9, 2011, from downtown New Glasgow after she left a group of friends standing outside Dooley's pool hall. Her remains were found off a wooded logging road in Heathbell, Pictou County, on Nov. 5, 2011. NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Chris Falconer NEW GLASGOW NEWS



David Winslow Sparks speaks to reporters at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax earlier this year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Sparks to review penalties in breach of publication ban

Lyle Howe sexual assault trial. David Winslow Sparks says he is 'anxious' to get the case over with

The lawyer for a man charged with violating a publication ban in a sexual assault trial has been granted time to hear what penalties the Crown is considering.

Judge Patrick Curran granted the adjournment

Thursday in Dartmouth provincial court, requiring David Winslow Sparks to return on Jan. 12.

Sparks, 62, was charged in September after police alleged he posted on social media the name of the victim in the sexual assault case of defence lawyer Lyle Howe.

The identity of the victim is protected by a publication ban.

Sparks is represented by Howe's wife Laura McCarthy, who is also a defence lawyer.

McCarthy said outside court she's unclear what potential penalty the Crown is seeking and needs that information before advising her client on a plea.

"We adjourned ... to allow time to speak with the Crown and see what kind of resolution can be reached," she said.

"You don't want somebody making an uninformed decision."

Outside court, Sparks said the alleged offence was a post on Facebook and he's eager to deal with the mat-

Sexual assault case

Howe was sentenced to three years in prison in July after being found guilty by a jury of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in March 2011.

- Howe's lawyer has filed an appeal in that case.

ter in court and move on.

"I'm anxious to get it over with," he said.

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Fight continues for home delivery



Canada Post worker Mike Keefe delivers flyers to mailboxes in a Bedford neighbourhood on Thursday.
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Postal workers reach out to residents.
Flyers popped into neighbourhood mailboxes

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It was almost like old times — Mike Keefe was delivering mail door-to-door in a Bedford neighbourhood.

Except, of course, it wasn't like old times, because Keefe wasn't delivering letters or bills. He was delivering a flyer asking people to care about his job and the concept of home delivery of mail, which has gone the way of the dodo in this particular neighbourhood.

On Dec. 10, 2013, Canada Post announced the eventual elimination of home delivery as a means of surviving a period of higher costs and lower revenues. Now, the Crown corporation is expecting to turn a profit in 2014, a sharp

reversal from previous years.

Exactly one year after those big changes were announced, Keefe and others were hitting the road in Bedford and Sackville on Thursday in an attempt to change things back.

"We've lost 17 full-time routes and one part-time route," said Keefe, who has worked for Canada Post for more than 25 years and is a member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Keefe is concerned about the possibility of lost jobs, but also sees opportunity in the changing shopping habits of consumers.

"Letter mail is down, yes, but parcel delivery is up based on online shopping," he said.

Keefe also sees problems with Canada Post's reliance on community mailboxes,

E-shopping effect

"Letter mail is down, yes, but parcel delivery is up based on online shopping."

Canada Post worker Mike Keefe, who sees opportunity in consumers' changing shopping habits

which he said can be magnets for litter and difficult to access for seniors and the disabled.

According to Keefe, there could also be an opportunity for Canada Post to move into banking, especially in rural areas where many traditional banks have closed up shop.

"You could see a partnership between Canada Post and the banks because we already have the infrastructure in place," he said.

Speaking of infrastructure, Keefe was pleased to see that almost every house still had that vestige of home mail delivery: a mailbox.

"It's good to see," he said as he stuffed another flyer in. "I was worried a lot of them would be gone."

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North end slated to hit new heights with climbing gym

Seven Bays. Former garage to become funky urban gym with a bouldering wall and an attached café



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It's a construction zone right now, but in a few months a former garage on Gottingen Street will be a new destination for climbers chafing for some action in the winter months — or passersby looking for a quiet spot to get some coffee or a pint.

"Our business model is to build cool, funky climbing gyms in urban locations that are accessible ... with public transit," said Jean-Marc de la Plante, owner of Seven Bays Bouldering, on Thursday. "That's why we picked the north end."

Seven Bays — named for both the seven service bays in the old garage and the seven bays around Halifax — will feature a 120-foot long, 14-foot high bouldering wall carefully designed for the compact 3,000-square-foot space by Canadian company B121.

It's modelled after smaller Japanese climbing gyms, de la Plante said, and will have a particular emphasis on route-setting, the process of determining the routes to get to the top of the wall.

The route-setting director for de la Plante's Montreal gym, international climbing guru Tonde Katiyo, will oversee the technical aspects of route schedules and grading, and train a local team to do the actual setting.

"A lot of people around the world open gyms and don't have a route-setting philosophy, which is weird, because route setting is the product," said de la Plante. "It's like the food in the grocery store — that's why people come to the gym."

When climbers have had their fill of bouldering for the day, they can have a bite and quaff a local draught at the attached café.

"We're calling it a working café, so the idea is we're not going to pressure anyone to buy something every hour," said de la Plante.

"We're just going to have big tables, so ... students, people who work on their own schedules, they'll pick up on the climbing culture as well."

De la Plante, whose family runs the Allez Up climbing gym in Montreal, said Halifax was a perfect fit for the new project, citing the enthusiastic climbing community and dearth of private facilities on the peninsula.

He said Seven Bays, which will be managed by local climber Hana Ogasawara, will offer classes and competitions and be open to anyone who wants to give bouldering a shot.

"We love high perform-



Jean-Marc de la Plante shows off the future location of Seven Bays Bouldering on Gottingen Street on Thursday. The gym will feature high-quality, highly varied route setting for avid climbers and a licensed café for those who prefer staying on the ground. JEFF HARPER FOR METRO

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"A lot of people are just super stoked about the north end and the city and everything, so I've had positive vibes the whole time. I'm excited to come here on a regular basis."

Jean-Marc de la Plante, owner of Seven Bays Bouldering

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Public sector wages not supported by lagging economy, premier says

Tough talk. Nova Scotia has one of the worst-performing economies in Canada, McNeil says

Nova Scotia can't support high public sector wages that outpace the province's lagging economic growth, Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday upon the release of a new fiscal forecast.

McNeil said the government will have to have "tough conversations" with public servants as it tries to

reduce the deficit and meet budget targets.

"We have one of the worst performing economies in the entire country, yet our collective agreements have outpaced every other province," he said. "How does that make sense? ... That's a recipe for disaster."

The tough talk came as Finance Minister Diana Whalen issued the latest financial update, which forecasts lower spending and a \$54-million reduction in the deficit since the last projections.

The update for the 2014-15 budget forecasts a deficit of \$220.6 million, down from the \$274.5 million that was

estimated in September.

Whalen said total revenues are forecast to be \$9.7 billion, an increase of close to \$100 million since the last fiscal update. She said the increase is due mostly to higher corporate income tax and petroleum royalty revenues.

In August, she introduced a mid-year spending reduction in a bid to meet budget goals.

McNeil said his Liberal government would continue to push for fiscal restraint, despite its unpopularity.

"Every Nova Scotian is going to have to share in some of the pain to bring this province back to fiscal reality," he said. "We can no longer continue to be operating at a cost model that whenever there is a bump in the road drives us to huge deficits."

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said this latest fiscal forecast indicates



Finance Minister Diana Whalen JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

the government is facing a "jobs crisis" without a plan to fix it.

"Liberal fiscal policies

aren't working and neither are too many Nova Scotians," he said in a statement.

He slammed the Liberals

for missing a target of a one per cent reduction in overall departmental spending.

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"If the premier wanted to be truly accountable to Nova Scotia families, he would cut up the credit card and get serious about reigning in spending."

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie

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The number of barrels of crude oil that tanker was carrying.

two tugboats and will likely

arrive late Thursday night.

Anthony says weather conditions have improved on the seas with reduced wind speeds and there is no danger to the 28-member crew or the ship's cargo.

He says the ship has propulsion but cannot be steered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

St. Francis Xavier University

School sets goals to meet funding challenges

The president of St. Francis Xavier University says his school operates on a complex financial footing that is no longer sustainable.

Kent MacDonald told the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce this week the university is dealing with a projected \$1.4-million budget deficit while enrolment is slipping, provincial funding is stagnant and Nova Scotia's population demographic is changing.

MacDonald says part of the solution is to increase enrollment and he's set a goal of 5,000 full-time students within five years.

MacDonald says he would also like to see an increase of about 500 international students over that time.

He says the university also wants to raise \$25 million to invest in scholarships and bursaries so students can attend St. F.X., regardless of their financial situation.

The university will also be reaching out to the business community for contributions to an endowment fund called the Xavierian Legacy Fund.

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Fracking wastewater

Windsor council wants more info on safe disposal

Windsor's town council is asking staff to research the latest information regarding the safe disposal of fracking wastewater. The topic was discussed at a committee of the whole meeting this week.

Coun. Laurie Murley said she recently read a letter in the provincial newspaper that suggested Windsor would be the ideal place to process the fracking wastewater from holding ponds in Kennetcook. HANTS JOURNAL



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Three more pedestrians struck and injured by vehicles in Halifax area

Add three more people to the growing list of pedestrians being struck by vehicles in the Halifax area.

On Thursday morning, police say, a 26-year-old woman crossing at the intersection of Agricola and Russell streets was hit by a vehicle driven by a 62-year-old man.

Police say the driver was making a left turn onto Russell Street when the woman was hit. She suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital by paramedics for further assessment. There was no word on possible charges against the driver.

On Wednesday just before 10 p.m., police say, a 22-year-

old woman was struck in a marked crosswalk while crossing Mumford Road.

Police say the victim was hit by the front passenger side of a large white vehicle — possibly a SUV — which didn't stop at the scene.

The pedestrian suffered minor injuries.

Also on Wednesday even-

ing, a 48-year-old woman was hit by a vehicle walking across Henry Street around 5:30 p.m.

The driver of the vehicle — a 41-year-old man — was ticketed for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

The women's injuries were described as being minor. **METRO**



A woman uses social media on her phone. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Court wrongly told media not to look at cases

Mistake addressed.

Confidentiality orders should apply only for minors or safety reasons: Judge

Options

Complainants also have the option of going directly to a justice of the peace to seek a protection order or they can file a lawsuit in civil court.

A Nova Scotia judge says he's discovered that court staff are mistakenly imposing confidentiality orders on some files related to the province's new cyberbullying law.

Judge Gerald Moir of the province's Supreme Court called for a court hearing Thursday when he learned court staff told a Halifax media outlet it could not look at three protection orders issued under the Cyber-safety Act because those documents are confidential.

Moir says it is his understanding that under the act, publication bans on protection orders would apply only if the applicant or respondent was a minor, or if a ban was required to ensure the safety of one of the parties.

The judge says he was inclined to release two of the three documents because only one was subject to an interim publication ban on the names in the order.

But Moir decided instead to extend the ban to the other two protection orders, on the grounds that court staff may have created the mistaken impression that the documents are confidential.

Moir says the parties involved in the protection orders would be given the opportunity to apply for confidentiality orders until another court hearing is held on Jan. 19.

"This is a unique set of circumstances," Moir told the court. "The court, through its own error, may have misled people."

Nova Scotia introduced the Cyber-safety Act in 2013, which the province describes as the first law in Canada aimed at protecting the victims of cyberbullying and making those responsible accountable under the law.

The act defines cyberbullying as any electronic communication "that is intended or ought reasonably be expected to cause fear, intimidation, humiliation, distress or other damage or harm to another person's health, emotional well-being, self-esteem or reputation."

Complaints deemed legitimate enter an informal process aimed at educating those involved. That usually includes informal telephone conversations with those whose electronic communication could be defined as cyberbullying.

If informal methods fail, the province's CyberScan unit can issue court orders to confiscate computers, cellphones and other mobile devices. Those who disobey these orders can be fined up to \$5,000 and face a jail sentence of up to six months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Firearm threat. Police charge 20-year-old man

RCMP in Pictou have charged a 20-year-old man with making threats toward a local school.

On Dec. 9, police received a report from Pictou Academy that a threat involving a gun had been made.

The school was placed in a state of "hold and secure" while RCMP investigated, and classes continued as normal.

David Nicholas Cummings, 20, of Pinetree, has been charged with uttering threats and mischief.

He was released from police custody with conditions and is to appear in Pictou

Investigation continues

The RCMP says the investigation into the incident is ongoing.

provincial court on Feb. 2, 2015.

"Our officers treat these types of incidents very seriously, as we share the public's expectation that our children remain safe in any school environment," said Pictou District RCMP Operations Commander Sgt. Kevin Dunlevy in a statement. **METRO**

Cape Breton

Searchers find body of missing man

RCMP says searchers in Cape Breton have recovered the body of a 20-year-old man who had been missing for a week.

Police say the body of

Robert Kenny George was found Wednesday in a heavily wooded area of the Potlotek First Nation reserve.

He was last seen leaving his home last Wednesday and was reported missing Saturday.

Police say they do not suspect foul play in George's death. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Gun scare leads to action

False alarm. This week, three schools were put in lockdown or 'hold and secure'

Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School was placed on lockdown for a while Thursday afternoon, and Yarmouth Central elementary and the P.A. Best Centre went on "hold and secure" after the RCMP received a report of two people spotted on a Yarmouth walking trail with guns.

The guns turned out to be "very realistic looking" pellet guns, said the RCMP, which stressed there was never any real risk posed to students

During the incident

The situation affecting the schools, which began around 1:05 p.m., lasted from 45 minutes to an hour. Students were dismissed at their normal times at the end of the school day.



Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School was placed on lockdown on Thursday. **YARMOUTH VANGUARD**

and staff.

"In hindsight there was never any danger to the schools, but we just did it as a precautionary measure," Cpl. Stacey Gosling said.

"We received a call about the new trail that runs between Starrs Road and Parade Street, of two kids that pulled long guns out of the woods."

She said given the age description they were given and the location, they decided to alert the schools as a precautionary measure.

"We were able to locate the two people and what they had turned out to be very realistic looking guns, but they were pellet guns," Gosling said.

One person was 16 years old

and the other was in his or her early 20s. There are no charges pending.

"They didn't point them at anyone. They didn't think they were seen carrying them through the woods," said Gosling. But someone did see them.

"Rightly so, somebody panicked and called us."

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Prison. Feds' response to Smith inquest 'Orwellian'

Canadian prison authorities are still looking at ways to cut the use of segregation and the time prisoners are forced to spend in isolation, the government said Thursday in responding to the Ashley Smith inquest.

The jury in the inquest into the choking death of the mentally disturbed teen made 104 recommendations a year ago.

"This strategy is intended to reframe the thinking about how segregation is used," the Correctional Service of Canada said in its report.

The service said it would consult further in hopes of developing options by June 2015.

Among other things, the Smith jurors recommended that "indefinite solitary confinement" be abolished and that long-term segregation not exceed 15 days. They also wanted restrictions on the number of periods that offenders can spend segregated.

Segregation

In its 26-page response, the government rejects the term "solitary confinement."

Lawyer Julian Roy, one of the lawyers who represented Smith's family at the inquest, said CSC's refusal to use the "solitary confinement" label as the jurors deliberately did is emblematic of the approach.

"They're playing the Orwellian game," Roy said.

Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007. Prison guards, under orders not to intervene, videotaped her as she died. She had spent most of the last three years of her life in segregation.

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Jury in Magnotta trial likely to be sequestered Monday

Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, arrives to hear the closing arguments at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Thursday in Montreal. The Crown has completed its final arguments at the trial and is asking the jury to find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin. The jurors have been sent home until Monday, when the judge will give them their instructions before they are sequestered.

RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario. Doctors against abortion must give referral

Doctors who morally oppose providing abortion services or prescribing birth control will be required to refer patients to other physicians, according to a draft policy paper just released by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The document reflects a struggle to balance the fundamental rights of patients with respect for doctors' personal values and beliefs.

"The draft policy sets expectations for physicians who limit the health services they provide due to their own clinical competence or on moral or religious grounds," the paper states.

The draft policy also states that a doctor is expected to ensure emergency care, even

Quoted

"We feel this is an excellent balance of human rights and constitutional rights."

Dr. Marc Gabel, chair of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's policy working group.

when that conflicts with the physician's personal beliefs.

"The draft policy requires that physicians provide care that is urgent or otherwise necessary to prevent imminent harm, suffering, and/or deterioration, even where that care conflicts with their religious or moral beliefs," the policy states.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SCOC imposes rules on cop cellphone searches

Privacy at issue.

SCOC rules police have some rights to search cellphones without warrants, but must follow rules

A divided Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday that police can conduct a limited search of a suspect's cellphone without obtaining a search warrant, regardless of password protection — but they must follow strict rules.

The precedent-setting ruling, reached by a narrow 4-3 margin, found the search must be related directly to the circumstances of a person's arrest and investigators must keep de-

tailed records of the search.

In a dissenting opinion, the three opposing justices said the police should be required to obtain a search warrant in all cases, except in instances where there is a danger to the public, police or the evidence itself.

It is the first Supreme Court ruling on cellphone privacy, a 21st-century issue that has already spawned a series of divergent lower-court decisions.

The high court dismissed the appeal of the 2009 armed robbery conviction of Kevin Fearon, who argued that police violated his charter rights when they searched his cellphone without a warrant after he'd robbed a Toronto jewelry kiosk.

The court agreed that the police had in fact breached Fearon's rights, but said the evidence against him on his cell-

'Step forward'

"It's a step forward in recognition of the importance of digital privacy rights, but perhaps not the complete step that concerned Canadians would like."

Sam Goldstein, lawyer for Kevin Fearon.

phone should not be excluded.

"The police simply did something that they believed on reasonable grounds to be lawful and were proven wrong, after the fact, by developments in the jurisprudence," Justice Thomas Cromwell wrote for the majority.

Cromwell said the court was trying to strike a balance be-

tween the demands of effective law enforcement and the public's right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures under Section 8 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"In my view, we can achieve that balance with a rule that permits searches of cellphones incident to arrest, provided that the search ... is strictly incidental to the arrest and that the police keep detailed notes of what has been searched and why."

However, the ruling failed to satisfy some privacy rights advocates.

Raji Mangat, a lawyer with the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, said the decision was a disappointment because the court failed to strike the right balance between privacy rights and law enforcement. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Liberia. Ottawa NGO looks to raise \$60K for literacy

The Ebola epidemic has emptied classrooms in Liberia and kept students cooped up at home for months.

So an Ottawa NGO is preparing over 10,000 home schooling kits to help elementary school kids learn to read while they are stuck indoors.

CODE — a charity supporting literacy in Canada and worldwide — has been working to get Liberia's education system back on its feet since the disastrous effects of the 15-year, on-again-off-again civil war that killed about 300,000 people in the country and Sierra Leone.

When the Ebola crisis broke out about 10 months ago, the country and education system were "very ill prepared to ad-

dress this newest crisis," said CODE executive director Scott Walter.

About 5,000 primary schools have closed across the country.

"At least with the civil war, they knew who the enemy was. They could see the enemy," he said. "With Ebola, it's an unseen enemy and it could come from anywhere."

CODE has partnered with the WE-CARE Foundation to create "Home School Kits of Hope" filled with children's books, school supplies and information pamphlets on Ebola.

So far CODE has raised about \$40,000 for home school kits in Liberia, with the goal of raising \$60,000 by Dec. 24.

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Ebola vaccine

Trials halted after subjects report pain

Swiss researchers have temporarily halted a clinical trial of a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine after seeing an unexpected side-effect in a few people

who received the serum. Four of 59 people vaccinated in the Geneva-based trial reported pain in the joints of their extremities — fingers and toes — between 10 and 15 days after receiving the shot, researcher Dr. Angela Huttner said in an interview.

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CF-18 replacement decision can be delayed until 2025

F-35 debate. While the government can delay its decision, it must still quickly decide what will replace the aging jets: Report



A pilot positions a CF-18 Hornet at the CFB Cold Lake on Oct. 21. A market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A long-awaited market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025, but it will cost roughly \$400 million.

The report by a panel of independent experts, part of a package of documents put before the federal cabinet last summer, warns the aging jets should not be flown much past that date because it would be an unacceptable, costly risk.

All of the research was done to help the Harper government decide whether to purchase the F-35 stealth fighter, or hold an open competition.

"No decision has been made

on the purchase of replacements for the CF-18s," Public Works Minister Diane Finley told the Commons prior to the release of the panel report and annual F-35 cost assessment.

Earlier this year, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson's office announced the CF-18s would get life extension upgrades to keep them flying for another

11 years, but no details on cost or risks were released.

The panel's analysis looked at four different fighter jets and found each is equally capable of meeting Canada's needs, although the Harper government and the air force have insisted for years the F-35 was the only choice to replace the CF-18s.

Replacing the CF-18

In order to smoothly phase out Canada's fleet of CF-18s, replacements will have to be chosen by 2020, according to the panel's report.

- **The big decision.** The federal government would need at least three years to run an open competition, while F-35 orders need three years lead time according to the jet's manufacturer.

- **Maintenance costs.** While the lifespan of the CF-18 can be extended, pushing it towards 2030 would be costly, with the reliability of key systems declining quickly.

The report says the CF-18's relevance will decline rapidly after 2025, and will cost \$1.5 billion in maintenance leading up to 2030. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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CIA chief recounts horrors of Sept. 11 in defence of tactics

Senate torture report.
Says CIA's interrogation practices did not lead to a safer America

CIA Director John Brennan defended his agency Thursday from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the U.S. But he stopped short of claiming that the tough methods saved thousands of American lives.

Brennan conceded that it is impossible to know whether the detainees provided crucial information because of the "enhanced interrogation techniques." He said the cause-and-effect relationship is "unknown and unknowable." He conceded unauthorized and in some cases abhorrent methods were used against captives, but asserted the CIA "did a lot of things right" in a time when there were "no easy answers."

Brennan opened a rare news conference by recounting the

horrors of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, his agency's determination to prevent another such assault and the fact that CIA officers were the first to fight and early to die in the Afghanistan war.

His remarks were part of a campaign by the CIA and several of its past leaders to discredit a five-year Senate investigation into the CIA's harrowing interrogation practices after 9-11, concerned that the historical record may define them as torturers instead of patriots and expose them to legal action around the world.

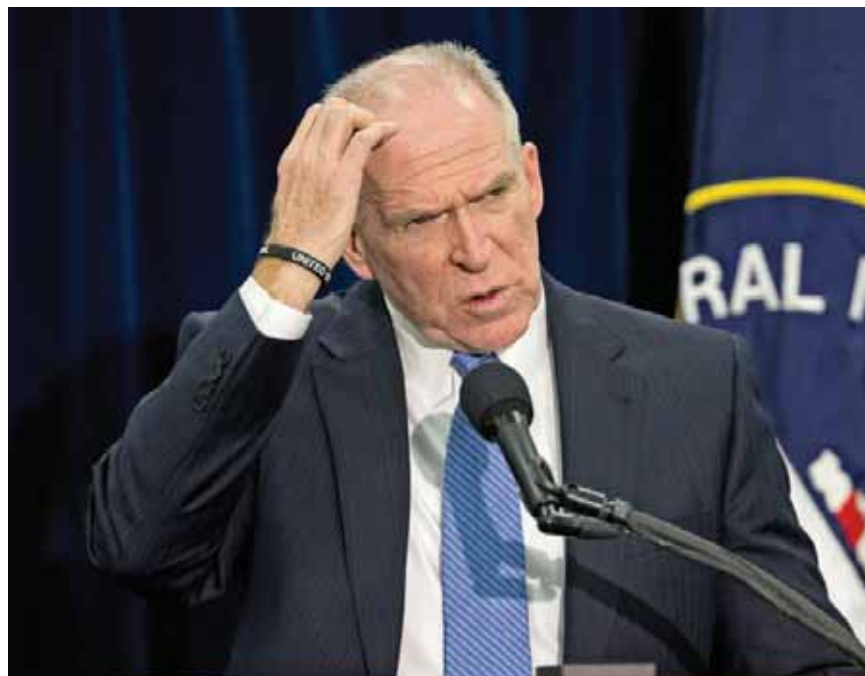
The Senate intelligence committee's report doesn't urge prosecution for wrongdoing, and the Justice Department has no interest in reopening a criminal probe. But the threat to former interrogators and their superiors was underlined as a UN special investigator demanded those responsible for "systematic crimes" be brought to justice, and human rights groups pushed for the arrest of key CIA and Bush administration figures if they travel overseas.

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Transfers in progress

Closing Guantanamo

Fed up with the stalled progress toward closing the Guantanamo Bay detention centre, President Barack Obama summoned top administration officials to the White House for an unusual meeting last month to make it clear he wanted action. The president addressed the team at length, emphasizing why he wants to shut down the detention facility for terrorism suspects, according to administration officials familiar with the meeting, which wasn't on Obama's public schedule. The presidential lecture was the culmination of months of White House frustrations with his own administration's inaction. Since then, a dozen prisoners have been transferred overseas.



CIA Director John Brennan gestures during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., Thursday. Brennan defended his agency from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the nation. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twin explosions kill about 20 in central Nigerian city

Twin explosions rocked downtown Jos in central Nigeria and killed about 20 people on Thursday, witnesses said.

The blasts occurred as store owners were shutting their shops and Muslims were preparing for evening prayers.

Witnesses said one blast

went off at an outdoor food stand and the other at the nearby entrance to Terminus market in the centre of the city. They spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Soldiers and police were ferrying the wounded to hospitals.

In May, twin car bombs in

Jos' Terminus marketplace killed at least 130 people.

Those attacks were blamed on Islamic extremists from the Boko Haram group and were seen as an attempt to ignite fighting between Muslims and Christians. Jos is in Nigeria's Middle Belt, where the mainly Muslim north and

predominantly Christian south meet and violence between the two groups occurs often.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Thursday's attack but it bore all the signs of Boko Haram.

In northern Kano, Nigeria's second largest city, police commissioner Ader-

enle Shinaba told reporters they safely detonated a bomb hidden in a handbag. The bag had been planted Thursday in a supermarket favoured by foreigners.

Separately, police in Kano arrested a teenage girl wearing a jacket primed with explosives, according to an officer who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity because he is not authorized to give information to reporters.

Several bombs in recent months have been detonated by female suicide bombers, raising fears that Boko Haram is using some of the hundreds of kidnapped girls and young women for its attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CBC to trim local TV newscasts

Five-year strategy.

Changes are part of plan to shift priorities from TV and radio to mobile and digital

CBC will shorten all local super-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes and will broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV beginning next fall.

The changes are part of a five-year strategy to shift priorities from radio and television to mobile and digital announced by the public broadcaster in June.

Currently, most supper-hour newscasts at the CBC are 90 minutes.

Shows in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes. Programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Wind-

Digital offerings

- CEO Hubert Lacroix announced in June that the broadcaster was planning to cut down local newscasts as part of a plan to increase digital offerings by 2020.
- He did not provide details at that time. But he did say that between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs would be trimmed over the next five years.

sor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

Radio One morning shows on TV between 6 and 7 a.m. in all existing markets except the North.

To offset the reduced newscasts, CBC said it would introduce regular local television newsbreaks during the day and

prime-time.

It also said it would maintain, and in some cases grow, its spending in local investigative journalism.

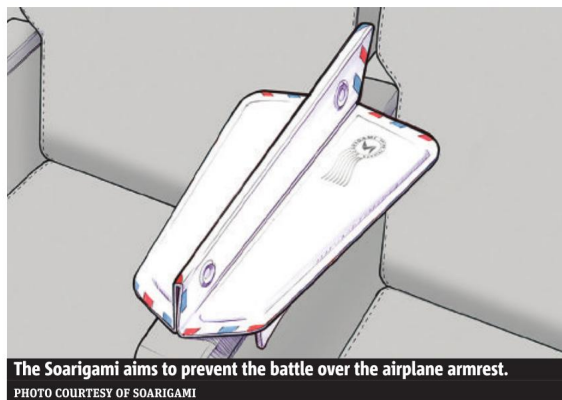
Also beginning next fall, CBC will introduce new services specifically for mobile users.

The broadcaster did not specify how jobs would be impacted by the changes.

"CBC/Radio-Canada's new local strategy is about changing how we serve the audience. We are moving to become a comprehensive four-platform local news service — across the day and on demand," Heather Conway, executive vice-president of English Services, said in a statement.

CBC Radio-Canada has already begun rolling out new regional websites across the country with geo-located French-language content. These websites, along with other new digital content, will be available Canada-wide by fall.

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The Soarigami aims to prevent the battle over the airplane armrest.
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Invention. Device could end in-flight elbow wars

A B.C. man has invented a device that he claims could finally bring an end to in-flight elbow wars.

Called Soarigami, the plastic divider attaches to an existing armrest and doubles the usable space, preventing the possibility of awkward elbow rubbing with strangers.

"We're trying to make flying less stressful and just kind of lighten the mood a little bit," company co-founder Arthur Chang told Metro.

When it launches, Soar-

igami — which takes its name from Japanese words *sora* (sky) and *gami* (grace) — will take on the form of a simple, paper airplane-inspired origami design.

Chang, who grew up in Vancouver but now calls Dallas home, said he came up with the idea while trapped in an air-travel nightmare: He was stuck in the middle seat.

Available for pre-order online, Soarigami will go on sale for about \$30 and is expected to launch in early 2015.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Anti-competition

Bureau probes Apple contracts

The Competition Bureau is investigating allegations that Apple uses anti-competitive clauses in its contracts with Canadian wireless carriers. The contracts relate to the supply of iPhones. The bureau says it has not yet concluded whether there has been any wrongdoing on Apple's part.

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VOICES

IN DEFENCE OF CALGARY'S WORST DRIVER



THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

Water coolers were abuzz this week with talk of the latest YouTube sensation: Calgary's Worst Driver.

The four-minute video, caught on surveillance camera and seen by millions of people, depicts a woman in a silver BMW SUV trying to manoeuvre out of a parking spot. Her skills are so poor, the Beemer looks less like a vehicle and more like a confused bull charging backward at an invisible conquistador, in slow motion. She even hits a car behind her.

As I watched this driving instructor's nightmare, I was hit with several emotions: Frustration, incredulity and, I'll be honest, judgment.

But, as I snickered, the video started to feel quite familiar — not because I'd seen it before, but because I had

been *that driver*.

Don't get me wrong: I'm not as bad as Calgary's W.D., but, as someone who got behind the wheel only in her 30s, I'm also no Jacques Villeneuve. I once rented a car in Los Angeles and attempted to exit the parking lot the wrong way. I got stuck, and the Enterprise representative had to take over and get it out for me.

I think we were both glad I'd opted for the insurance.

Another time, at a Loblaw's parking lot, I was trying to get into a tight spot and was dangerously close to the car beside me. As I struggled, I looked out the window and made eye contact with a man who was shaking his head "no" at me. It wasn't a sympathetic shake, it was more of a "you are a pathetic human being" gesture. I got red in the face and decided it was best I go home and not buy groceries that day.

It's easy to think other people are

idiots, because they're not us. It's like those times in public bathrooms when I'll hear someone in a stall having a bad bowel day. I'll think, "Gross. What a loser."

And then I'll remember that I, too, have eaten tainted sushi outside of the house. (As a side note, in these cases, I always feel compelled to look under the stall at her shoes — as if the fact that she's wearing Uggs will shed some light on why this is happening to her.)

Calgary's Worst Driver also had the worst luck getting caught on camera, so I hesitate to laugh too hard. Public humiliation could happen to any of us.

It's winter now. Imagine tomorrow you wipe out on the ice, only to have yourself broadcast on the CBC News as Toronto's Worst Walker. You'd have a whole YouTube comment section dedicated to your inability to

saunter. We live in a world where cameras are everywhere — and there are so many things I'm glad an iPhone hasn't caught me doing: From licking the inside of a pizza box to scratching the inside of my nose. With less luck, I would have already been crowned Canada's Most Disgusting Person.

All of this said, I'm not letting the lady behind the wheel of the silver BMW entirely off the hook; she's deserving of some of our collective scorn, not because she is a terrible driver, but because she hit a car and then (slowly) fled the scene. It's one thing to be a bozo on your own time, but as soon as you drag someone else into your incompetence, you should do the right thing and leave a note on your victim's windshield.

Being bad at something doesn't make you worthy of ridicule and judgment, but making someone else pay for it does.



To watch the notorious video, scan this image with your Metro News app. SCREENGRAB

Happy face/Sad face

From serpentine revenge to serpentine non-events, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week



SNAKES IN A CAFÉ

Ever been so mad at the absence of diced onions on your Tim's sandwich that you threw a snake at the cashier? Well one guy in Saskatoon (allegedly) has, and now he's facing charges. Police claim the suspect grabbed a garter snake from his friend's pocket and lobbed it behind the counter because his breakfast wasn't made to his liking. Talk about a hissy fit. (See what we did there?)



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MALALA YOUSAFZAI

On Wednesday this amazing Pakistani teen became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Yousafzai brought her two best friends — who were also injured when she was shot by the Taliban — to Oslo with her to share in the incredible moment.



GOING NUTS OVER NUTS

How's this for air rage? An Air Korea flight was delayed when the airline chairman's daughter ordered a crew member off the plane for serving nuts in a bag rather than on a plate. Cho Hyun-ah — who is also an executive for the airline — may be charged for breaching aviation safety regulations by interrupting a flight.



EBOLA FIGHTERS

For their "tireless acts of courage and mercy," Time magazine has named frontline workers in the fight against Ebola as its Person of the Year. More than 600 health-care workers have developed the disease, and nearly 350 have died, according to the World Health Organization.



NOT EATEN ALIVE

In other snake news ... naturalist Paul Rosolie disappointed four million Discovery Channel viewers when his much-hyped two-hour show *Eaten Alive* — in which he was to wear a special suit and get eaten by an anaconda — fell short of its graphic promise. Rosolie was *not* eaten, but did suffer an arm injury from being constricted. In the words of Stephen Colbert: "You promised us Paul Rosolie would be eaten alive... But you only gave us 'Cuddled Alive.'"



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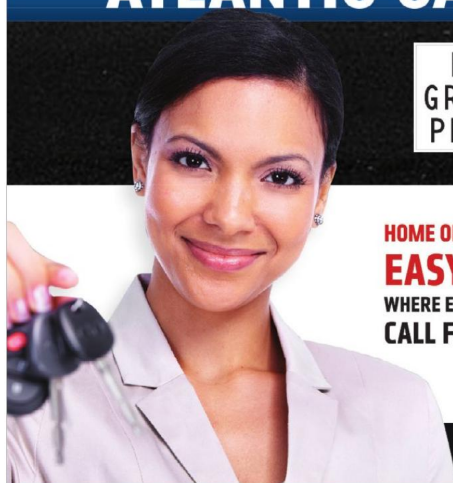
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Going straight can be a rocky road

Top Five. From Bill Murray and Robin Williams to Jim Carrey and Jonah Hill, all comic actors eventually attempt to switch to more dramatic roles

Bill Murray became a big-screen superstar on the back of loose-limbed performances in comedies like *Caddyshack*, *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*. By 1984, however, he was tiring of playing the clown and looking to do something with a bit more of an edge.

When director John Byrum gave him a copy of W. Somerset Maugham's 1944 novel *The Razor's Edge*, Murray responded the very next day.

Calling the director at 4 a.m., he said, "This is Larry, Larry Darrell," dropping the name of the novel's main character, an enigmatic man on a quest for spiritual fulfilment.

The resulting film bombed, with Roger Ebert suggesting Murray played "the hero as if fate is a comedian and he is the straight man."

Of course Murray has gone on to become a credible and in-demand dramatic actor, but the story of a comedian's rocky leap from farce to drama still rings true today.

Chris Rock's new comedy *Top Five* tells the story of Andre Allen, a fictional megastar trying to jump from silly comedies to *Uprize*, a serious drama about the slave revolt in Haiti.

Top Five is a new twist on an old story. Many comedians have tried to flick the switch from comedy to drama.

Robin Williams effortlessly hopped between genres. In 2002 alone, he made three films: the lowbrow laffer *Death*



Chris Rock wrote, directed and stars in his new comedy, *Top Five*. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

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to *Smoochy*, the psychodrama *One Hour Photo* and Christopher Nolan's thriller *Insomnia*.

Will Ferrell, Steve Carell and Jonah Hill are known for funny movies like *Blades of Glory*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Superbad*, but each have stretched their dramatic muscles.

Ferrell's *Stranger Than Fiction* earned a good review from Roger Ebert, who said Ferrell "has dramatic gifts to equal his comedic talent."

Carell's new drama *Foxcatcher* looks poised to earn him notice at awards time.

And Jonah Hill is a two-time Oscar nominee for heavyweights *Moneyball* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

Top Five

Director. Chris Rock

Stars. Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union



The top five things to know about *Top Five* are: It works as a comedy, as a romance, as a look at creative fulfilment, as a showcase for Chris Rock's comedian friends and as a portrait of fame in the 2000s.

Rock, who also writes

and directs, stars as a comedian making a switch to serious drama.

Promoting his new movie and nuptials to reality star Erica (Gabrielle Union), he spends the day with reporter Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) who urges him to think about his past and future.

Unlike his movie alter ego, Rock is clearly still interested in being funny in this personal film that crackles with energy and NSFW humour.

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Birdman, Boyhood have that golden touch

Awards. Aside from wild cards like *The Judge*, the Golden Globe noms are a pretty predictable lot

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Metro World News in New York

The Golden Globes, the Oscars' more fun, slightly more dishevelled younger sibling, rolled out their nominations for 2014. Traditionally what they pick has been a reasonably accurate prediction of what the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will themselves choose, as well as what has been feted by other laudatory organizations. And if you've been following critics groups' awards, you already know that *Boyhood* and *Birdman* are the best horses for your betting needs.

That said, there are always some wild cards, the most glaring being the nomination for Robert Duvall for *The Judge* — a rickety, faintly offensive stab at a crowd-pleasing awards gobler that presumably most people already forget ever existed. In a similar but different vein, Jessica Chastain racked up her token nod for the 10,000 movies she did this year, but it wasn't for *The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby*, as the Weinstein Company would have liked. Instead it's for her Brooklyn-accented work in



Not surprisingly, *Birdman* racked up seven Golden Globe nominations. CONTRIBUTED

the crime saga *A Most Violent Year*.

Julianne Moore wound up with two nominations — one for the Alzheimer's drama *Still Alice*, another for David Cronenberg's Hollywood satire *Maps to the Stars*, the latter, which had seemed to have been lost in the shuffle.

The most curious bits involved the Globes' classification system, especially what it designates as comedy and drama. It's neat that

they didn't try to elevate the very silly *Birdman* — or the even nuttier *Inherent Vice*, which scored a single nod, for Joaquin Phoenix — to the prestigious dramatic category.

That said, is Tim Burton's *Big Eyes* really a comedy? Its tale of a woman (Amy Adams) whose paintings are stolen by her abusive husband (Christoph Waltz) is very broadly played, but is that even the same thing?



Steve Carell grabbed a best actor in a motion picture drama nomination for his chilling role in *Foxcatcher*. CONTRIBUTED

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Television. Hollywood Foreign Press disses Mad Men, Modern Family

On the television side, the nominations for this year's Golden Globes has some genuine surprises, a few head-scratching snubs and some clues about how the TV landscape is continuing to shift. HBO once again dominates the networks, pulling in 15 nominations, but Showtime is closing in with nine.

And the most-nominated show, Fargo, was on basic cable channel FX, not HBO or another premium. HBO's True Detective, though, ranks second with four nominations.

Aside from the attention to the fantastic Fargo, it's also a delight to see Jane the Virgin — especially star Gina Rodriguez — get some attention, as well as the Amazon streaming series Transparent. But come on, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, no recognition for Mad Men, which is heading into its final run of episodes and continues to be one of the best shows on television?

And why does

Downton Abbey continue to rack up nominations year after year — it earned two this year, for best miniseries and supporting actress Joanne Froggatt — when its quality continues to slide since its impressive first season?

Still, it takes guts to not nominate comedy juggernaut and perennial Emmy favourite Modern Family for a single award, so kudos.

The Golden Globes air Jan. 11, hosted by Tina Fey and (the un-nominated) Amy Poehler.

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Television nominees



Transparent has been nominated in the best comedy or musical series category. CONTRIBUTED

- **Drama series.**
The Affair;
Downton Abbey;
Game of Thrones;
The Good Wife;
House of Cards

- **Drama, actor.**
Clive Owen, The Knick;
Liev Schreiber, Ray Donovan;
Kevin Spacey, House of Cards;
James Spader, The Blacklist;
Dominic West, The Affair

- **Drama, actress.**
Claire Danes, Homeland;

Viola Davis, How to Get Away With Murder;
Julianne Moore, The Normal Heart;
Ruth Wilson, The Affair;
Robin Wright, House of Cards

- **Comedy or musical series.**
Girls;
Jane the Virgin;
Orange Is the New Black;
Silicon Valley;
Transparent

- **The full list of nominees is available online at metronews.ca.**

Golden Globe film nominees

- **Best picture, drama.**
Boyhood;
Foxcatcher;
The Imitation Game;
Selma;
The Theory of Everything

- **Best picture, comedy or musical.**
Birdman;
The Grand Budapest Hotel;
Into the Woods;
Pride;
St. Vincent

- **Best director.**
Wes Anderson, The Grand Budapest Hotel;
Ava DuVernay, Selma;
David Fincher, Gone Girl;
Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Birdman;
Richard Linklater, Boyhood;

- **Best actress, drama.**
Jennifer Aniston, Cake;
Felicity Jones, The Theory of Everything;
Julianne Moore, Still Alice;

Rosamund Pike, Gone Girl;
Reese Witherspoon, Wild

- **Best actor, drama.**
Steve Carell, Foxcatcher;
Benedict Cumberbatch, The Imitation Game;
Jake Gyllenhaal, Nightcrawler;
David Oyelowo, Selma;
Eddie Redmayne, The Theory of Everything

- **Best actress, comedy or musical.**

Amy Adams, Big Eyes;
Emily Blunt, Into the Woods;
Helen Mirren, The Hundred Foot Journey;
Julianne Moore, Maps to the Stars;
Quvenzhae Wallis, Annie

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Ending it all by wrapping the beginning

Producer interview.

With the last Hobbit film, Peter Jackson is thrilled to finally finish his Lord of the Rings adventure

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Thirteen years, six movies and more than 1,000 minutes of film later, Peter Jackson is ready for a break.

"You can't believe how much we don't want anything to do," he says.

With the release of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies, the journey that began with 2001's The Fellowship of the Ring has come to an end for the director and his wife, producer and screenwriter Fran Walsh.

"We haven't had a day when we've woken up and there hasn't been a deadline," he says of the last 13 years.

"Even if you go on vacation and they say, 'You finished the

first Hobbit movie and you can have three weeks off over Christmas,' but we have to come back and start work on the next one on January 6, so it has always been this sort of looming thing.

"Now we get to wake up and it is done, finished, nothing left to do. We deliberately haven't taken on any other work because Fran and I wanted so badly, for once in our professional lives of 30-odd years, to not have anything to do. That doesn't mean that six weeks into our holiday we'll not be so bloody bored that we'll immediately start another project. That would be fine. At least we'll do it for the right reasons."

The new film is the end of an era, and the beginning of one of the biggest movie franchises in history. As the third part of the Hobbit trilogy, it brings to an end Jackson's J.R.R. Tolkien's adaptations. In the chronology, however, it is midway, the film that sets up the Lord of the Rings pictures.

"To me it has significance because it is the moment in time where a six-film series

finally comes into focus," he says.

"We are only four or five years away from a generation arriving who will have no memory or knowledge of how these films were released when they came out. All they'll have is a six-part box set and hopefully they'll start at the beginning and go through to the end. To me, until this movie actually existed there were these parts that were floating out there that can now be together."

He may be done with the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies — "I have other things I want to make. I think it would be a terrible sad thing to spend the rest of my life going back over these films and trying to make them better" — but he's not done with the cast he built over the years.

"We've just got such a wonderful collection of actors of all different types, and we're friends now," he says.

"I would be a happy man if I could make movies for the rest of my life using the cast we've used to date. I love it when directors have relationships with the same actors in film after film. It's a fantastic thing."



Peter Jackson says he and his wife have no work planned now that The Hobbit trilogy has wrapped. CONTRIBUTED

Drama



Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

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Actors Alex Paxton-Bessley and Paul Campbell in Alex Pugsley's romantic comedy *Dirty Singles*. CONTRIBUTED

Dirty Singles celebrates director's hometown

Streaming. Alex Pugsley gave Toronto as much of a starring role in his debut film as the ensemble cast

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Alex Pugsley almost tried to cast Rachel McAdams in his very first movie — except the young director changed his mind.

"I have a friend that's a yoga instructor of Rachel McAdams and I thought, should I pretend to be a yoga student and pass her the script?" laughed the filmmaker while discussing his new drama *Dirty Singles*.

"Then I thought it might be weird — not only because it's weird to approach her at a yoga class, but if there's one movie star and everyone else is sort of unknown, it might make the feng shui of the movie wonky."

Wise move. Instead, *Dirty Singles* is a well-balanced movie that's reminiscent of such multi-layered rom-coms as *Love Actually* and *Crazy Stupid Love*. In the ensemble relationship drama (available Dec. 15 on iTunes and VOD), a

Dirty Singles by the numbers

Alex Pugsley admits his debut feature was "a big logistical challenge." Here's a look at *Dirty Singles* by the numbers:

250

Auditions for the movie.

30

Filming locations within a 200-metre radius.

21

Speaking parts in the film.

14

Days to shoot the movie.

9

Hours of daylight in December, when he filmed the movie.

group of late-20-something couples struggle with their collective friendship after one pair's partnership falls apart.

"The cast is one of the strongest features of the movie," said Pugsley of an ensemble he whittled down from about 250 auditions. "When you're making a romantic comedy, you want the actors to feel like they're really a couple because the audience will figure it out."

"The audience will sense immediately if people have chemistry and they would actually be married to each other."

As convincing as Pugsley intended his actors' performances to be, the TV writer-turned-director also insisted on making Toronto part of the movie — if not for the sake of simplicity (he shot it all within a 200-metre radius of one neighbourhood, after all), then for the love of his hometown.

"Toronto is used so often as a stand-in for New York or London," said Pugsley. "I thought let's see the CN Tower or the Gardiner Expressway or streetcars. I think Toronto's amazing, so let's celebrate it — I wish more things did."

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Alan Turing's 5 awesome things



Keira Knightley and Benedict Cumberbatch star in *The Imitation Game*, now in theatres. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Imitation Game. Benedict Cumberbatch is so impressed with Second World War hero Alan Turing, he offers five reasons to watch the new biopic

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When Benedict Cumberbatch signed on to play Second World War code

breaker and computer pioneer Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game*, he became enamoured with the man. And he thinks you should be, too. So here, in his own words, is why Cumberbatch thinks Turing is such "an extraordinary human being" — and why the film chronicling his decoding of the German Enigma machine and turning the tide of war deserves attention.

1. He made great things out of great suffering. "All of the worst moments in his life led to achieve-

ments," explains Cumberbatch. "Being ostracized from a group made him think about isolating work. Not understanding how to communicate because so much of what he had to deal with in his life was to do with secrets made him an expert cryptographer. The idea of clandestine, repressed coding and analyzing that language was just completely borne out of his circumstance."

2. He's not a Sherlock knock-off. "Though Sherlock is an

Analysis

Turing definitely a hero, says Allen Leech

Irish actor Allen Leech first gained notoriety as upstart chauffeur Tom Branson on *Downton Abbey*. While that show has slowly crept through the first half of the 20th century, Leech is jumping forward a few years with *The Imitation Game*, starring as part of the team of mathematicians who help Alan Turing crack the Nazi Enigma machine.

Leech says he knew a bit about Turing before signing on with the film, but had no idea how much of a hero he was.

"I knew Alan Turing, I knew he'd built a machine, but I certainly didn't know the extent that he went to during the

time at Bletchley Park, how hard he had to fight for the opportunity to make this machine and how hard he'd have to fight for his own existence later on in his life.

"Turing was a war hero. His work and the work of the people at Bletchley Park ended the war two years early, with an estimated saving of 14 million lives. I mean, anyone who says that Turing isn't a war hero just has to look at that fact, and what they estimated his achievement gave the Allies, and realize how important he was. Secrets give you power. At the time during the Second World War, if you had knowledge, then you became more powerful.

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Allen Leech
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immediate comparison, they're so different. Sherlock is a sociopathic show-off, and Alan was anything but. He was a team player despite our narrative arc in our story."

3. He never had a chance to be comfortable with himself.

"At university, he was in a very openly extroverted and celebratory gay culture, but he was incredibly shy because he'd spent his entire childhood loving somebody who then died. Not having it consummated or having

it reciprocated, he hadn't formed that understanding of what that was and didn't have any confidence with it. So that was almost as terrifying as complete intolerance."

4. He was not a fan of metaphors and puns.

"There was just enough in language that he found disturbing to what he understood of things and how language should be used — what words are literally interpretable as, rather than innuendo or inflection or irony.

"If you take the bare instructions of what words are, he was fascinated with that."

5. He can be funny — and it's OK to laugh.

"(The film) should be funny — and sometimes unintentionally on his part. It's him missing the point, or not missing the point, but everyone else using lazy language and him thinking they mean literally what they mean. I don't think he was always trying to be a pedant. I think he genuinely did think in a very literal way, hence his discoveries."



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Depp goes straight to the art of naked Duchess Kate

Things could get awkward if Prince William and Kate Middleton ever have a run-in with Johnny Depp. The Pirates of the Caribbean star splashed out more than \$100,000 for a pair of pieces by street artist Pegasus featuring a naked Middleton. One, which gained notoriety when Pegasus spray-painted it on a wall in North London, features Kate cradling her pregnant stomach with a crown perched atop it, the logo for HBO series Game of Thrones stencilled underneath. Depp commissioned a second nude Middleton.

"I knew Johnny was coming and wanted the two Kate Middleton works," Pegasus' manager, Leonard Villa, tells InTouch Weekly. "He was extremely charming and immediately bought the painting and put down an offer for the second one." In addition to a double dose of the naked Duchess, Depp spent another \$40,000 on a Pegasus portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, though one can only hope she's more clothed than her granddaughter-in-law.



Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES



Leonardo DiCaprio

Chris Rock frickin' loves Leo's brio

Chris Rock has been on something of a tear lately, making some pointed and perfectly worded observations about Hollywood, race issues in America and the like. But it's not all criticism for Rock. There are few things he has genuine appreciation for, like Leonardo DiCaprio's lifestyle.

As Rock tells Howard Stern during an interview: "I love the guy. He enjoys himself. If he's not doing a movie, he's 40 pounds more, with a fine motherf---er. With a beard and model. F--- y'all. I'm eating cheeseburgers and f---ing fine bitches." The American dream, that.

Drew finally grows into her old soul

Drew Barrymore is turning 40 soon, everybody. Just let that sink in a minute. OK, now back to it: With a little over two months to go before she hits the big four-oh, Barrymore is taking stock. "I'm so excited," she tells E! News. "I finally feel the age that I am and I'll tell you why. I always felt older than the number I was. I was always too mature and adult and raising myself or running a company or I'm only 19 and I'm a homeowner. Forty feels like where I'm at. It makes sense." They grow up so fast, right?



Drew Barrymore

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Shortbread Cookies

1. In food processor, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter and pulse until mix is grainy. Add egg and vanilla. Pulse again until dough just begins to form. Shape into a disc with hands and cover

Ingredients

Shortbread Cookies

- 3/4 cup (105 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup (57 g) cold unsalted butter, diced
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Marshmallow

- 1 tbsp powdered gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Chocolate Coating

- 8 oz (225 g) dark chocolate, chopped



This recipe makes 30 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

3. On floured work surface, roll out dough to about 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick. Cut 30 cookies using a 1 3/4-inch (4.5 cm) round cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool.

Marshmallow

1. In saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water and let bloom

5 minutes. Add sugar. Melt over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved.

2. Pour into bowl. Add corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, about 10 minutes.

3. With pastry bag fitted with a 3/4-inch (2 cm) diameter plain, and filled with marshmallow, top each cookie with dome of marshmallow. Let cool for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Chocolate Coating

1. In a bowl in microwave, melt 5 oz (140 g) chocolate. Remove and add remaining

chocolate. Stir until smooth. If necessary, microwave for a few more seconds if chocolate does not melt. Be careful not to overheat the chocolate.

2. Dip cooled cookies, marshmallow side down, in the chocolate, flip and remove from the chocolate with a fork. Shake to remove any excess chocolate.

3. Place cookies on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Serve at room temperature.

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Today's my birthday, so I thought I'd get a jump on New Year's Eve by talking champagne this week.

Unfortunately, the popularity of high-end fizz has seen better days.

For the average consumer, the proliferation of decent sparkling wine with a Champagne sensibility (and much cheaper price) from regions around the world has all but relegated the real stuff to special occasions.

The rise of prosecco, Italy's lightly effervescent sparkler, has had the biggest impact. Recent industry reports are that prosecco has surpassed champagne sales in North America for the first time.

That said, the region of Champagne in northern France is still the benchmark when it comes to infusing booze with bubbles. Non-vintage bubbly offers the best value, with Piper-Heidsieck Brut (\$54.95 - \$64.99) showing off classic nutty/toasty aromas with an edge of bright citrus that ripples across the palate.

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Rainmen wash out Mill Rats for road victory

Less than 24 hours after the rain washed over Halifax, the Halifax Rainmen washed over their competition.

The Rainmen edged the Saint John Mill Rats 110-104 on the road Thursday night in National Basketball League of Canada action, improving their record to 5-3 on the season.

Shooting guard Justin Tubbs led the Halifax Rainmen with 32 points on the night, while Tyrone Watson scored 26 points and Seiya Ando had 14 points inside Harbour Station.

Newly signed forward Kevin Young also contributed to the win, putting nine points on the scoreboard and pulling down 13 rebounds for the Rainmen.

Halifax faced former Rainmen power forward Eric Crookshank in Thursday night's game.

"We battled and gave a strong effort, but we came up short," Saint John head coach Julian King said in a news release. "Give credit to Halifax — they are well-coached and executing a good game plan."

The Halifax Rainmen are back on their home court Sunday afternoon, when they take on the Island Storm at the Scotiabank Centre. Tip-off is at 2 p.m. **KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO**

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Tickets for Sunday's tilt and all other Rainmen home games are available at ticketatlantic.com.

Resop shows no signs of rust in win

QMJHL. Mooseheads backup goalie steps up to lead team to shootout triumph over Remparts



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Kevin Resop's favourite part of manning the posts? The shootout.

The 17-year-old netminder made that clear Thursday night, making 30 saves in regulation and overtime, in addition to stonewalling all three opposing players in a shootout, to help the Halifax Mooseheads edge the Quebec Remparts 4-3 in front of a thrilled Scotiabank Centre crowd.

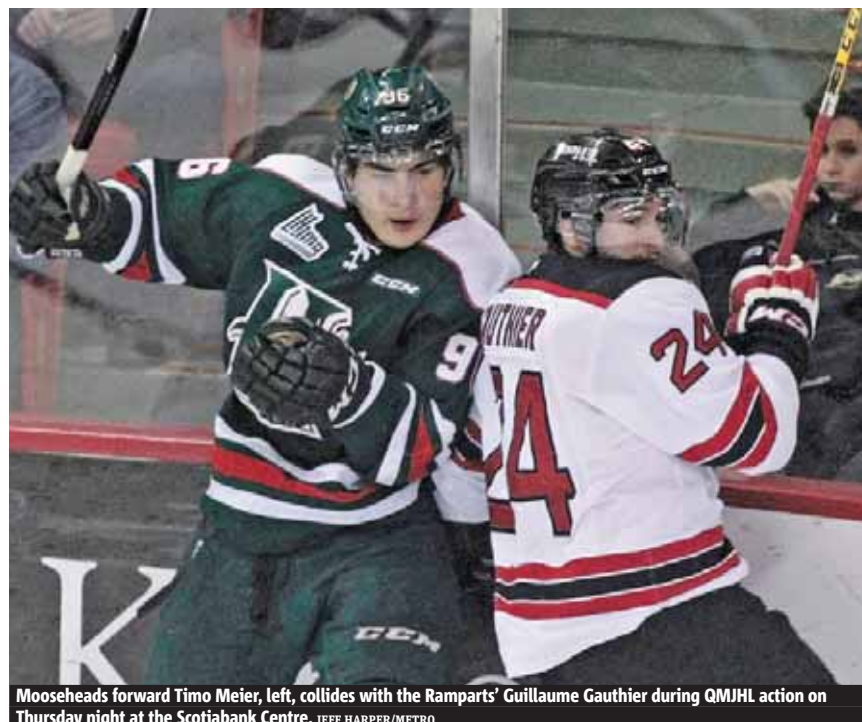
"If I had the choice, I'd rather go right past overtime to the shootout," the rookie from St. Petersburg, Fla., who stepped into the crease after almost a month of watching from the bench, said after earning his first regular-season win since Sept. 13.

"You can't get too psyched up in the shootout, you just have to stay calm."

Resop's last game was Nov. 15, a 3-2 loss on the road to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

So far he's only played nine regular-season games, but Resop certainly seemed ready to fill in for starting goaltender Zachary Fucale, who is away at Canada's national junior team selection camp in Toronto.

"It's really important for



Mooseheads forward Timo Meier, left, collides with the Ramparts' Guillaume Gauthier during QMJHL action on Thursday night at the Scotiabank Centre. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

my confidence," he said of his performance Thursday, but added his teammates "battled to the end."

"When we got down, we knew we weren't out of it. They just kept chipping away."

That's exactly what Halifax forward Philippe Gadoury did on a power play late in the second to narrow the gap, and defenceman Matt Murphy did not once, but twice, in the third period to send it into the extra frame.

"We had the green light," 19-year-old Murphy said of

Game notes

Defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald was back in action after being out with a fractured patella ... Blue-liner Josh Fitzgerald and forward Ryan Falkenham were sitting with injuries Thursday.

stepping up, firing a wrist shot high into the net and a solid shot from just outside the circle. "That just shows you if you throw the puck on net, good

things will happen."

Import forward Timo Meier scored Halifax's lone shootout goal and added two assists. Adam Erne, Marc-Olivier Roy and Guillaume Gauthier scored for Quebec. Gauthier also notched two assists.

Murphy said the Herd were a little nervous heading into Thursday's game, playing without Fucale and star forward Nikolaj Ehlers, who is training with Denmark's national junior team, "but the guys rallied together and Kevin played awesome in net."

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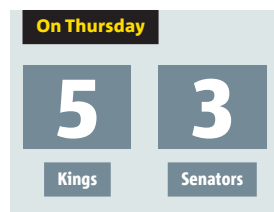
New Senators head coach Dave Cameron barks orders to his players during the first period of Thursday's game against the Los Angeles Kings in Ottawa. The Sens lost 5-3 in Cameron's debut. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sens subpar despite change behind bench

NHL. Ottawa off to slow start after coach MacLean's ouster

Trevor Lewis's goal at 4:02 of the third period held up as the winner as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the Senators 5-3 Thursday in Dave Cameron's first game as Ottawa's head coach.

Cameron was named the Senators' new coach Monday afternoon after the firing of



Antigonish's Paul MacLean.

Matt Greene, Justin Williams, Anze Kopitar and Tanner Pearson also scored for the Kings (15-9-5). Jake Muzzin had three assists, while

Jonathan Quick faced 35 shots.

Bobby Ryan, Mark Stone and Jared Cowen scored for the Senators (11-12-5) as Craig Anderson faced 36 shots.

Trailing 2-1, the Senators got off to a solid start in the third period to tie the game, but in less than two minutes the Kings regained a two-goal lead. Ottawa came close to completing the comeback, but fell just short.

With 1:21 remaining, Cowen got a shot through traffic that eluded Quick,

but the Kings made the most of an empty-net as Pearson picked up his 11th of the season.

Stone jumped on a David Legwand rebound and tied the game with a short-handed goal, but 36 seconds later Kopitar — who hadn't scored in 10 games — was left all alone in front and beat Anderson.

Just over a minute later, with Senators defencemen Chris Phillips and Eric Gryba sprawled on the ice, Lewis put one over Anderson.

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Marsh award. Humphries named top athlete of 2014

Kaillie Humphries didn't have much time to celebrate.

Moments after learning she had won the 2014 Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's top athlete, the 29-year-old bobsled pilot was off to the track for her final practice session ahead of this weekend's season-opening World Cup race.

"Trying to be focused on both of these runs today was probably one of my biggest challenges I've had so far this year," Humphries said Thursday from Lake Placid, N.Y. "It's such an amazing honour and I'm so, so excited to be amongst sport royalty."

The first bobsledder to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, Humphries became the first female in her sport to win back-to-back Olympic gold when she captured her second title in Sochi.

Humphries also carried Canada's flag along with brakewoman Heather Moyse into the closing ceremonies in Russia.

"Most of the time you see hockey or football, you see a lot of the top sports (win the



Kaillie Humphries in Sochi in February. LOIC VENANCE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

award)," said Humphries, who also won her second World Cup title in 2014. "So to be the one to represent a not-as-popular sport is a pretty big honour."

Women's tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, men's tennis player Milos Raonic, Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty and lacrosse star Johnny Powless were the other finalists.

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MLB

Marlins go big with Latos trade

The Miami Marlins acquired right-hander Mat Latos from the Cincinnati Reds for pitching prospect Anthony DeSclafani and catcher Chad Wallach on Thursday, their second big deal in less than 12 hours.

The Marlins dealt top pitching prospect Andrew Heaney to the Dodgers late Wednesday night as part of a seven-player trade that brought speedy second baseman Dee Gordon to Miami.

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NBA

OKC top Cavaliers minus LeBron

Russell Westbrook scored 26 points, and Oklahoma City took advantage of LeBron James' absence to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-94 on Thursday night.

James sat out with left knee soreness. Without him, Cleveland's winning streak ended at eight games. Cavaliers coach David Blatt said before the game that James' injury wasn't too serious, and he would be day-to-day.

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McDavid optimistic ahead of world juniors

In non-contact training. Star forward has his arm cast off and aims to play an exhibition match prior to the tournament

Star forward Connor McDavid's cast is off, he has clearance for non-contact drills and is confident he'll be ready to play in the upcoming world junior hockey championship.

Now it's just a matter of see-

ing how things go at the Canadian team's pre-tournament camp. McDavid hasn't played in a game since breaking a bone in his right hand on Nov. 12. The Erie Otters forward has been skating regularly but his cast wasn't removed until this week. The junior phenom will be examined by doctors on a regular basis and the team says they're taking things day by day. But the goal is to get McDavid into at least one exhibition game before the tournament opener on Dec. 26.

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good,"

Quoted

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good."

Erie Otters forward Connor McDavid

McDavid said. "The wrist is not too stiff at all. So it should be all good." Thirty players have been invited to camp, which started with a Thursday evening practice in Toronto. A total of 22 players will make the final team. The 17-year-old McDavid,

who has 51 points in 18 games this season, is an early favourite to be selected first overall in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft. His presence would provide a big boost to a squad that hasn't won gold in five years.

Head coach Benoit Groulx said it would be nice to get McDavid into an exhibition game, but it's most important to have him for competition.

"We will follow what the doctor says," he said. "But right now there's no rush. We're happy to have him here and we'll see how it plays out."

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Connor McDavid, who broke a bone in his right hand, says he hopes to get into an exhibition game for Canada before the world juniors DENIS PAJOT/GETTY IMAGES

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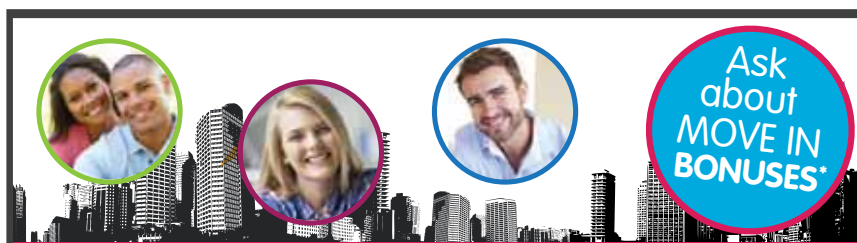
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no need to feel threatened by someone whose power exceeds yours. According to the planets they don't see you as a rival and therefore wish you no harm.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you want to get ahead be less thin-skinned. The kind of people who can make things happen for you are not the kind of people who worry about whose egos they might bruise.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may feel worn out after the excitement of the past few days but don't switch off because there are still important things that need to be done.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Sometimes you can be too trusting and the planets warn if you believe what a colleague tells today it will cost you. Either they're deceiving you or someone is deceiving you both.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Use your time and energy wisely today. It does not matter how much work you have to get through before the weekend. Get it right the first time.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Yes, there are things going on behind the scenes that you know little about. According to the planets you have nothing to fear and lots to look forward to.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you find it hard to make up your mind today, ask someone you trust. Even if you disagree with them and do the exact opposite of what they suggest you'll still be doing something.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to tie up a number of loose ends today if you are to get the full benefit of what occurs over the weekend.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There may be times when you think that your lucky streak has come to an end but it's not over yet. The only thing that might hold you back is if you allow negative thoughts to take root.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be conservative but that does not mean you cannot change your ways and if you feel that a change is necessary you must make it immediately.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will hear something to your advantage today but because you were not supposed to know you may be reluctant to make use of it. If others were stupid enough to let it slip that's their problem, not yours.

♓ Pisces

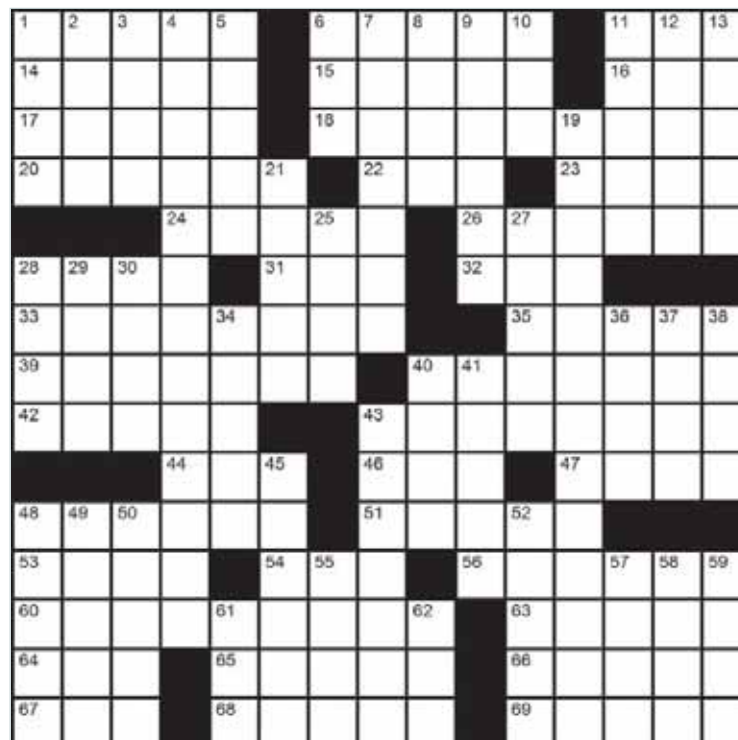
Feb. 20 - March 20

You don't have to pretend that a task comes easy to you when it is a struggle. No one expects you to get it right the first time. Do your best and be pleased.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Splash
6. Tolerate
11. Comedian Louis, et al.
14. Jeweller's eye piece
15. Discourage
16. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
17. Eight-based
18. "First Blood" (1982) role: 2 wds.
20. Sarajevo's locale
22. Hot drink
23. Scornful look
24. "A merry heart ___ good like a medicine..." - Proverbs
26. Bequest
28. Pet shelter gr.
31. Old French coin
32. Swearing-in words
33. Inuit sled
35. Harry Potter: Severus' surname
39. Nut kind
40. Lawn sport
42. Judge's gig
43. Frank Zappa's actress/writer daughter: 2 wds.
44. Mr. Bean, et al.
46. Swerve
47. "___ Wonderful Life" (1946)
48. Gutsy
51. Harsh
53. Succulent plant
54. Dunk
56. Celebrity chef
58. Nigella
60. Town in Fraser Canyon in British Col-



umbia; or, Cheers of "Cheers": 2 wds.

63. Crooner Pat
64. Fair-hiring letters
65. Apply another cold pack
66. Ontario: ___ Peninsula
67. '70s records
68. "Two If ___"

(1996)
69. Stagnates

- Down
1. Neatnik opposite
2. Little Eva's "The ___-Motion"
3. Loopholes
4. Soul Boys of the Western World is the name of the new

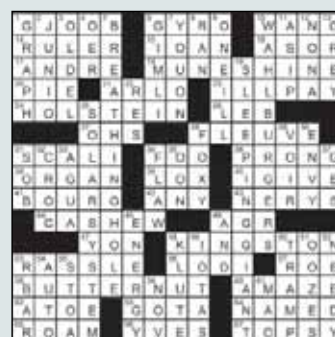
documentary film, as well as upcoming 2015 tour, of this British band: 2 wds.

5. Racecar driver Mr. Castroneves
6. Li'l modifier
7. Extinct culture of Newfoundland
8. ___ Jury (Mickey

Spillane novel)
9. 2015 Yukon ___ (GMC vehicle)
10. Bungle
11. "Along ___ Spider" (2001)
12. 'Quebec' part of Quebec City as it was known
13. Written work

19. The variant spelling for #12-Down's answer is an ___ meaning 'narrowing of the river'
21. Pantheon of Norse gods
25. "Hop ___!" (Move!)
27. Alberta town
28. House size meas.: 2 wds.
29. Match
30. Gladiator's 951
34. Recounts
36. Family member
37. Shar-___ (Some dogs)
38. Singer Ms. James
40. Wintertime garment
41. Spur's small spiked wheel
43. Social networking site
45. Locale on Cape Breton Island
48. Matte ___ (Toronto-born television host)
49. "That threw me for ___!"
50. Doesn't win
52. Synagogue spiritual leader
55. Wading bird
57. Psyche
58. Formerly
59. Social pages words
61. Sphere
62. Actor Stephen

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	3	5	7	8	1	9	4	2
8	2	7	4	9	5	3	6	1
5	9	1	8	2	4	6	3	7
3	4	2	1	7	6	5	9	8
7	8	6	3	5	9	1	2	4
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2	7	3	9	1	8	4	5	6

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